

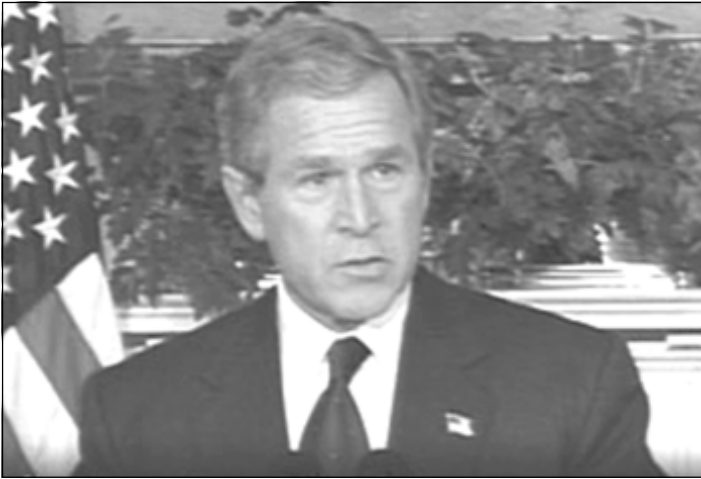
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Bush: 'The Game is Over'



"The dictator of Iraq is making his choice. Now, the nations of the Security Council must make their own."

President says he would welcome second Security Council resolution to authorize use of military force to disarm Iraq

The following are the remarks of President Bush Thursday on Iraq, after meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell, as transcribed by eMediaMillWorks Inc.:

I want to thank Secretary Powell for his careful and powerful presentation. The danger Saddam Hussein poses reaches across the world. This is the situation as we find it.

Twelve years after Saddam Hussein agreed to disarm, and 90 days after the Security Council passed Resolution 1441 by a unanimous vote, Saddam Hussein was required to make a full declaration of its weapons programs; he has not done so. Saddam Hussein was required to fully cooperate in the disarmament of his regime; he has not done so.

Saddam Hussein was given a final chance; he is throwing

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U.S. Central Command Buildup Continues

By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

The U.S. military buildup in the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of operation is continuing, with more than 100,000 troops now serving in the region, DoD officials said recently.

The CENTCOM region sprawls from Kazakhstan to Kenya. The troop total in-

cludes some 9,000 personnel involved in operations in Afghanistan and thousands of others deployed to countries around that theater of operations, the officials said.

The largest Army unit to deploy to the area is the 3rd Infantry Division out of Forts Stewart and Benning in Georgia. That unit is in Ku-

wait. Other Army units, most notably the 4th Infantry Division from Fort Hood, Texas, have received deployment orders.

There are 35,000 Marines in the area of operations. The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force has 15,000

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Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Patriot Press!

In the months to come, we hope to provide you, the residents of Camp Patriot, a source of news, sports and local information that you find valuable and entertaining.

Your input and submissions are greatly appreciated and always welcome.

-- the Editor

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Golden: CHAPGRU Sailor serves Navy more than quarter of a century

By YN1 Rebecca Mulvain

When Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Cecil McLaughlin first joined the Navy, the United States was involved in combat operations in Vietnam. He was still on duty during Operation Desert Storm when U.N. coalition forces liberated Kuwait from Iraqi invaders.

Now, more than a quarter of a century later, McLaughlin finds himself once again on the front line of freedom in Southwest Asia. As he celebrates his golden 50th birthday on February 27 at "Camp Patriot" in Kuwait, he is deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I love my country and I love my freedom. I'm not really ready to retire yet. I guess I'll be forever young while I'm still serving," said McLaughlin.

Petty Officer McLaughlin was born in Danville, Va. After enlisting in the U.S. Navy, he attended Recruit Training in Orlando, Fla., and went on to serve aboard two ships before he separated from the active duty Navy in 1974 and joined the Naval Reserve. He returned to active duty in 1990, serving aboard two more ships and the U.S. Navy Cargo Handling and Port Group.

McLaughlin plans to retire in 2006. His wealth of experience and maturity has not gone unnoticed by his peers.

"I've known McLaughlin for about four and a half years now," said Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class William Whitaker from Raleigh, N.C. "The most important thing about McLaughlin is that he's a man and father that whom every kid in the world would like to have."

"When you've been around the service so long, it becomes a part of you," said McLaughlin. "I know when I'll hear news reports about the Navy worldwide I already know I'll want to be back in the Navy again with my shipmates."

McLaughlin works for the Navy Cargo Handling and Port Group, a command supporting Commander, Maritime Prepositioning Force in Kuwait.



BM2(SW) C. McLaughlin celebrates his 50th birthday in the upcoming month. After more than 25 years in military service, McLaughlin says he's not ready to retire just yet. (U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Aaron Pineda)

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Joint Medical Staff Prepare to Provide Best Care in Kuwait

By JO1 Joseph Krypel

A joint-service American and Kuwaiti military force of more than 1,500 personnel recently participated in a mass casualty drill here in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The drill was the culmination of weeks of regular training exercises designed to prepare the medical staff and support personnel for future operations.

"One of our primary goals is to test the response capabilities of the joint American-Kuwaiti Medical Center and its staff," said Task Force 51 medical planner Lt. Cmdr. Jerry Gardner, of Elizabethtown, Ky.

"We all prepare in our specific areas on a regular basis, and with close coordination and planning between the Navy, Marine Corps and Kuwaiti assets we can do anything that is medically required of us here," said Gardner, 41.

With a combined total medical staff of more than 30 people responding, the day-to-day operations of the joint medical facility quickly turned from sick-call and immunizations to field triage and treatment.

Gardner explained that the shift in operations was something that every member of his staff was prepared for. "We've organized teams based on the known assets we have on hand. Our teams are comprised of sailors, Marines and Kuwaiti medical staff, as well as others from around Camp Patriot that will act as stretcher-bearers and masters-at-arms."

"It wouldn't be a very good test if we all knew what and where something like this was going to happen." *Cmdr. James Gregory*

individuals were selected to act as casualties in multiple locations around Camp Patriot. "This is to test our communications and response; it wouldn't be a very good test if we all knew what and where something like this was going to happen." Gregory, a 44-year-old reservist recalled to active duty is a trauma surgeon in Champaign, Illinois.

Once the drill began and the mock casualties arrived, all reacted with the utmost professionalism. "It was rewarding to see all our assets pull together in such a fast and professional way," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Shane Lane, a 34-year-old reservist from Kansas City, Mo., who played the role of an off-site responder. "Although we had some language barriers, the team-play between our Kuwaiti colleagues was excellent. There was very little question as to what we were there for and what we had to do in order save lives."



HM2 Melissa Gornitzka assesses a patient during Camp Patriot's recent mass casualty drill. More than 30 American and Kuwaiti medical personnel provided treatment to mock casualties. (Photo by JO1 Joseph Krypel)

Although the medical goals were to test response time and preparedness of the clinic, other play-

ers were and would be involved in the event of a true crisis. Lt. Cmdr. Francis Foley, one of Camp Patriot's chaplains and a Roman Catholic priest, described his role as one that can shift from one extreme to another.

"The role of the religious programs staff is to determine the faith group of the patients being treated, and to provide the best possible human care and comfort," explained Father Foley, 44, from Philadelphia, Pa. "In the event of injury, serious or otherwise, it is our role to provide sacraments, spiritual comfort and in some cases, last rites."

Lasting about one hour, Camp Patriot's first test of medical response was considered to be a complete success by its staff and planners.

"All roles were covered, and while communications around the camp and the different commands could be improved, we have made significant progress in our ability to respond to mass casualty situations," summed up Gardner.

NBC / CBR-D Training Note

Now is the time to start preparing your chemical over boots; commonly referred to as "fish boots." Ensure you have two pair! Starting with the single eyelet at the toe of the boot, tie a girth hitch with the black laces provided with the boots. Once the hitch is in place, run the bitter ends from outside to inside through the middle eyelets. Preparing the boots this far will save you time in the future. Also, if you are missing any gear, or you are unsure of the gear you are supposed to have, ask your supervisor for assistance. Keep an eye on the plan of the day for upcoming drills and training sessions!

For the purposes of this exercise, the joint medical staff was confronted with a very real possible threat: falling debris from an intercepted, inbound missile.

According to Cmdr. James Gregory, Director of Trauma, five to 10

"In the event of injury, serious or otherwise, it is our role to provide sacraments, spiritual comfort and in some cases, last rites."

Lt. Cmdr. Francis Foley

Chaplains' Corner . . .

Our numbers here at Camp Patriot have been growing steadily since the beginning of December. The camp chapel was constructed on record time by the "Can Do" SeaBees of ACB 1 in time for our first services on January 19th, and we had our four regular services. Since that time Chaplains Greg Todd, Lutheran Missouri Synod, with 2D FSSG [FWD] and Jeffrey Seiler, Episcopal Church, have been joined by Chaplain Frank Foley, Roman Catholic Church. We are steadily covering all the spiritual care and worship opportunities.

The mission we are all embarked upon is a noble and a sobering one. As part of Operation Enduring Freedom we are called upon to participate in a most difficult task of forging the peace instead of keeping the peace. The events of 9-11 have taught us that our past posture of readiness and vigilance must be replaced by more aggressive, forward leaning expeditionary force components. Our cause takes us from family and friends and places us in a harsh environment. We are trained and ready for the task if we keep ourselves vigilant on a daily basis.

The Chaplains are here to assist those serving in their spiritual and moral lives by offering as wide a variety and in depth worship experience as possible, providing the materials for individual and group study and nourishment, and the readily available counsel and guidance anyone might need. We are here to serve and to see each person achieve their own fulfillment in an environment full of challenges. It is an honor for all of us to be here.

Game Over . . .

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that chance away. The dictator of Iraq is making his choice. Now, the nations of the Security Council must make their own.

On Nov. 8, by demanding the immediate disarmament of Iraq, the United Nations Security Council spoke with clarity and authority. Now, the Security Council will show whether its words have any meaning. Having made its demands, the Security Council must not back down when those demands are defied and mocked by a dictator.

The United States would welcome and support a new resolution which makes clear that the Security Council stands behind its previous demands.

Yet resolutions mean little without resolve. And the United States, along with a growing coalition of nations, is resolved to take whatever action is necessary to defend ourselves and disarm the Iraqi regime.

September the 11th, 2001, the American people saw what terrorists could do by turning four airplanes into weapons.

We will not wait to see what terrorists or terrorist states could do with chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons.

Saddam Hussein can now be expected to begin another round of empty concessions and transparently false denials. No doubt he will play a last minute game of deception.

The game is over. All the world can rise to this moment. The community of free nations can show that it is strong and confident and determined to keep the peace. The United Nations can renew its purpose and be a source of stability and security in the world. The Security Council can affirm that it is able and prepared to meet future challenges and other dangers. And we can give the Iraqi people their chance to live in freedom and choose their own government.

Saddam Hussein has made Iraq into a prison, poison factory and a torture chamber for patriots and dissidents. Saddam Hussein has the motive and the means and the recklessness and the hatred to threaten the American people. Saddam Hussein will be stopped.

Thank you.

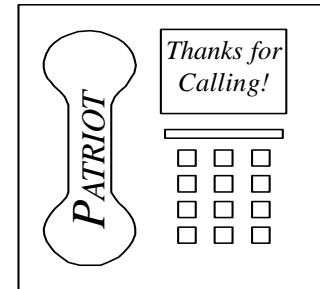
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Medical Clinic

617-7280



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Cmdr. Jeffrey H. Seiler, CHC

Lt. Cmdr. Francis Foley, CHC

Lt. Cmdr. Gregory Todd, CHC

Catholic Mass

M-F.....1130
Saturday.....1700
Sunday.....0830
Tues.....Rosary/Confessions.....1930

Pentecostal Worship

Thursday.....1800

Jewish Shabat

Friday.....1800

Buddhist Prayer

Saturday.....1200

Protestant Worship

Sunday.....1000

Episcopal / Lutheran Communion

Sunday.....1100

Prayer and Praise

Sunday.....2030

DoD Mourns, Helps After Columbia Tragedy

By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia and its crew of seven a "tragic day" for the NASA family and America.

The orbiter broke apart above north-central Texas as it maneuvered for a planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center, Fla., in about 15 minutes. The shuttle was at about 203,000 feet and going about 12,500 mph, or Mach 18, when the accident occurred.

Five of the seven astronauts aboard were serving U.S. military officers. Air Force Col. Rick D. Husband, Navy Cmdr. William C. McCool, Air Force Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson, Navy Capt. David M. Brown and Navy Cmdr. (Dr.) Laurel B. Clark were presumed lost in the accident. Mission Specialist Kalpana Chawla and Israeli air force Col. Ilan Ramon also died.

NASA Administrator O'Keefe notified President Bush of the accident soon after it

happened. The president assured O'Keefe of the full support of the government.

"The Department of Defense will do everything asked of us by the lead federal agency – the Federal Emergency Management Agency," said a DoD spokesman.

Bush spoke to the nation about the loss of the astronauts. "In an age when space flight has come to seem almost routine, it is easy to overlook the dangers of travel by rocket, and the difficulties of navigating the fierce outer atmosphere of the Earth," the president said. "These astronauts knew the dangers, and they faced them willingly, knowing they had a high and noble purpose in life. Because of their courage and daring and idealism, we will miss them all the more."

O'Keefe said there was no indication that anything from the ground affected the Columbia. He announced the formation of an external review group. The group, which will

include representatives from the Air Force and Navy, will have full access to all data involved in the mishap. NASA will also empanel an internal mishap group.

DoD will make all applicable information available, including radar reports generated out of U.S. Strategic Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command. Also, the DoD Manned Space Flight Support Office will work closely with NASA, the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA. (FEMA officially will become part of DHS by March 1.)

U.S. military bases in Texas are standing by to assist FEMA in any way possible. And the newly formed U.S. Northern Command will also help civilian authorities upon request.

A visibly moved O'Keefe spoke of the mis-

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Marines in Kuwait. Roughly 7,200 Marines are aboard Amphibious Task Force East, and 5,000 others are aboard the Amphibious Task Force West. Thousands of Sailors man the ships carrying the Marines.

The Navy has deployed the USS Constellation (CV 64) and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) carrier battle groups to the Central Command area of operations. They are currently in the Arabian Sea area and are part of Central Command's 5th Fleet. Each group has 8,500 to 10,000 Sailors aboard.

The USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) carrier battle group is in the Mediterranean Sea as part of the 6th Fleet in the U.S. European Command area of operations.

The USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) has finished training in the Caribbean and is transiting in support of the global war on terror, Navy officials said.

Marine Corps News: 2D FSSG (FWD) Promotions

Congratulations to the Marines of 2nd Force Service Support Group (Fwd) who have recently been promoted. Second FSSG (FWD) is homported at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc.

James R. Green
Chris D. Morrow
Gerald R. Weidman

Lance Cpl.

Bruce D. Carlson
Gregory C. Collins
Miller J. Delius
James Ellison
Robert Espinal
Aaron D. Gilbert
Matthew O. Jones
Charles D. Keating
Nikki Lawson
Joel A. Mann
Jeffrey K. Meyer
Chris H. Miller
Michael J. Nichols
Benjamin S. Noland
John J. Pena
Gregory Stephenson
Patrick Strickland
Thomas G. Wanger
David L. Webb

Corporal

William J. Boddy
Freeda Breedlove
Mark A. Bruce
Paul A. Clark
Bobby J. Cotton
Emanuel Garcia
Daniel B. Garza
Dustin B. Hicks
Clifford W. Hilburne
Juan N. Jiminez
K. Lumfuakiadi
Kevin D. Morris
Theron D. Nelson
Roger M. Picard
William B. Pinson
Joseph P. Rice
Jason W. Romlein
Rudolf Sedano
Michael R. Smith
Ronnie B. Sprouse
Howard J. Tudor
Jeffrey P. Williams

Sergeant

Julian Arango
Harold Capps III
Phondrell Crawford
Nathan Crocker
Jeremy D. Deverell
John P. Ertel
David A. Hansen
Brett B. Lombardi
Shontate C. Morley
Carissa Rosenbohm
Ricardo H. Saldana
Gabriel A. Santos
Timothy P. Scott
Craig T. Wells

Staff Sgt.

Christopher Bates
Hezekiah M. Grice

Gunnery Sgt.

Travis C. Cooper
Barry E. Croke
Shawn P. Dorer

White House dismisses North Korea rhetoric

Associated Press

Presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said there is a "real cause for concern" over North Korea's assertions that pre-emptive attacks on its nuclear facilities would trigger "total war." He reiterated that President Bush believes the standoff can be resolved peacefully.

U.S. officials have spoken before about their ability to respond to any potential hostile action by North Korea, in part to dispel any hopes Pyongyang may have about taking advantage of Bush's focus on Iraq. The nuclear standoff with North Korea, which intensified last fall, has complicated Bush's efforts to rally the nation and skeptical world leaders behind his bid to disarm Saddam Hussein.

Although Washington has repeatedly said it has no plans to invade

North Korea, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said late this week that restarting the nuclear program would give the North a troubling option — making nuclear weapons for itself or selling them to any other country.

"That is something the world has to take very seriously," he said. "It's a regime that is a terrorist regime. It's a regime that has been involved in things that are harmful to other countries."

The harsh exchange began when North Korea said it was putting the operation of its nuclear facilities on a "normal footing," triggering fears it was about to produce weapons materials.

It is unclear how far North Korea has proceeded in reactivating facilities.

Shuttle . . .

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hap during a Feb. 1 press conference from Kennedy Space Center. "It started out as a pretty happy morning awaiting the landing of STS-107," he said. "We highly anticipated their return, because we couldn't wait to congratulate them for their extraordinary performance and their excellent efforts on the science mission on this very important flight."

"(The crew) dedicated their lives to pushing the scientific challenges for all of us here on Earth. They dedicated themselves to that and did it with a happy heart, willingly and with great enthusiasm. The loss of this valiant crew is something we will never be able to get over."

O'Keefe said he told the families of the astronauts that he will do everything to help them "work their way through this horrific tragedy."

NASA Associate Administrator for Space Flight Bill Ready said the families are bearing up to the tragedy with an incredible amount of dignity. "One thing came across loud and clear as we were visiting with them," he said. "They knew the crew was absolutely dedicated to the mission that they were performing . . . They believed in what they were doing."

Ready said the families told NASA to "find what happened, fix it, and move on. We cannot let their sacrifice be in vain."

The Columbia mishap occurred almost 17 years to the day after the Space Shuttle Chal-

lenger explosion. On Jan. 28, 1986, Challenger erupted in a ball of flames about one minute after liftoff from Kennedy Space Center. Seven astronauts died in that mishap, among them three military officers: Navy Captain Michael J. Smith, Air Force Lt. Col. Francis Richard "Dick" Scobee and Air Force Lt. Col. Ellison S. Onizuka.

Thirty-six years ago, on Jan. 27, 1967, three astronauts died in a flash fire at Kennedy Space Center during a launch pad test of the Apollo/Saturn space vehicle being prepared for the first piloted flight.

Air Force Lt. Col.

Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Air Force Lt. Col. Edward H. White and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee were victims of that tragic accident.

What You Had to Say. . .

Each week, the residents of Camp Patriot will have the opportunity to voice their opinion on a particular topic. This week, the recently opened internet cafe opened. This week's question was:

How has the opening of the internet cafe affected your morale?

(U.S. Navy photos by PH3 Aaron Pineda)



SK3 Latonya Starks
ACB-1

"It's good. Now I can make comms with my family and get my courses on-line so I can study for 2nd class."



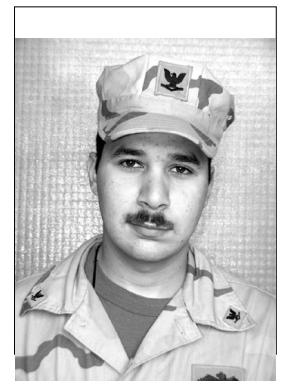
YN3 (AW) Julie Foster
NSE Admin

"I think it's glorious because I feel like I'm more connected to the outside world now."



Cmdr. Jeffery Seiler
Chaplain Corps

"It's great we have access, any contact with family and friends back home is a great boost to morale."



SK3 (SCW) Tom Guerra
ACB-1

"It's great to have but we need more computers so folks can have more time."

Sports Shorts



NBA OVERALL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT	GB
New Jersey	34	15	.694	---
Boston	27	22	.551	7
Philadelphia	25	24	.510	9
Washington	24	25	.490	10
Orlando	24	26	.480	10.5
New York	21	27	.438	12.5
Miami	17	32	.347	17
Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Indiana	34	15	.694	---
Detroit	32	15	.681	1
Milwaukee	25	23	.521	8.5
New Orleans	26	24	.520	8.5
Atlanta	19	30	.388	15
Chicago	17	32	.347	17
Toronto	14	34	.292	19.5
Cleveland	10	40	.200	24.5

Western Conference

Midwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	38	10	.782	---
San Antonio	33	16	.673	5.5
Utah	29	20	.592	9.5
Minnesota	29	20	.542	9.5
Houston	26	22	.542	12
Memphis	13	35	.271	25
Denver	12	37	.245	26.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT	GB
Sacramento	34	17	.667	---
Portland	32	16	.667	0.5
Phoenix	29	21	.580	4.5
LA Lakers	24	23	.511	8
Seattle	21	27	.438	11.5
Golden State	21	27	.438	11.5
LA Clippers	17	32	.347	16

Thursday Scores

LA Lakers 114 - NY 109, San Antonio 83 - Denver 74, Milwaukee 97 - Seattle 91

NHL OVERALL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
New Jersey	52	33	12	3	4	73
Philadelphia	53	28	14	9	2	67
NY Islanders	52	24	21	5	2	55
NY Rangers	57	21	27	7	2	51
Pittsburgh	54	21	24	4	5	51

Northeast	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Ottawa	55	33	14	7	1	74
Toronto	54	29	20	4	1	63
Boston	53	27	19	5	2	61
Montreal	55	21	22	7	5	54
Buffalo	51	15	25	7	4	41
Southeast	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Washington	55	25	20	7	3	60
Tampa Bay	54	22	20	7	5	56
Florida	54	16	20	10	8	50
Carolina	54	17	26	6	5	45

Western Conference

Central	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
St. Louis	55	28	15	8	4	68
Detroit	54	27	16	9	2	65
Chicago	54	22	19	10	3	57
Columbus	53	20	25	6	2	48
Nashville	53	17	23	9	4	47

Northwest	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Vancouver	54	30	16	8	0	68
Edmonton	53	25	16	6	6	62
Minnesota	53	26	18	8	1	61
Colorado	52	22	14	11	5	60
Calgary	54	17	26	8	3	45

Pacific	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Dallas	54	30	11	12	1	73
Anaheim	53	23	19	7	4	57
San Jose	52	20	21	6	5	51
Los Angeles	53	21	24	4	4	50
Phoenix	52	19	22	7	4	49

Thursday Scores

Boston 6 - Montreal 3, Toronto 3 - Tampa Bay 2, Philadelphia 2 - Ottawa 2, Florida 6 - Pittsburgh 0, Colorado 1 - Detroit 0, Chicago 2 - Calgary 2, Rangers 4 - St. Louis 4

Men's NCAA Division 1 Rankings Week 13 (Feb. 3 - 9)

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Florida (16)	18 - 2
2.	Arizona (8)	16 - 2
3.	Texas (5)	14 - 3
4.	Pittsburgh (1)	15 - 2
5.	Oklahoma	15 - 3
6.	Louisville (1)	16 - 1
7.	Kentucky	16 - 3
8.	Maryland	14 - 4
9.	Duke	14 - 3
10.	Notre Dame	18 - 3
11.	Kansas	15 - 5
12.	Oklahoma State	17 - 2
13.	Creighton	19 - 2
14.	Marquette	15 - 3
15.	Wake Forest	15 - 2
16.	Illinois	15 - 4
17.	Connecticut	13 - 4
18.	Georgia	13 - 5
19.	Xavier	15 - 4
20.	Alabama	13 - 5
21.	Syracuse	14 - 3
22.	Missouri	13 - 4
23.	Oregon	15 - 5
24.	Mississippi St.	13 - 5
25.	Purdue	14 - 4

Thursday Scores

(2) Arizona 88 - Washington 85, Virginia 86 (8) Maryland 78, (15) Wake Forest 73 - N.C. State 58, (23) Oregon 79 - Stanford 64

'Kickin' good time at soccer field

With the hustle of hard work over the past month, U.S. servicemen and women recently took time to participate in a sports day with our host nation. A three-competition day placed the U.S. against the Kuwaitis in volleyball and tug-a-war. After competing against each other for two events, the ongoing partnership burst through as our nations combined players for the final activity of the day -- soccer. Following the competitions a fantastic lunch, which included batter fried shrimp, was served to all. (U.S. Navy Photo by PH3 Aaron Pineda)



Are reality shows killing the sitcom??

There's lots of talk these days about how so-called "reality TV," whether it's the giddyup-and-con-'em' "Joe Millionaire" or the songbird-screaming of "American Idol," is changing the TV industry, and probably for the worse. The argument goes like this:

With the rise of reality shows, which are cheap to produce and usually have shorter runs than your average sitcom or hour-long drama the economy of TV is changing.

Networks are more likely to go with the cheaper product and spend less on developing new series that will forward the great progress of television.

Talented actors, writers, and producers will be put out of work, replaced by nobodies who become 15-minutes-of-fame Somebodies.

Entertainment Weekly says hooey, with some reservations. Here's the positive side of the reality revolution:

- Reality TV is never going to drive out sitcoms and dramas; it's just become another genre, competing in the marketplace. If the

market-place (that is, prime time) becomes overloaded with such product, viewers will tune away, so don't worry about ABC, CBS, and NBC becoming all-reality, all the time.

- It's no wonder people would rather watch, say, "Joe Millionaire" than "The Practice." At this point in both shows' runs, it's "Joe" that's got the pop-culture juice - the energy, the amusement, the, yes, drama - that "The Practice" lacks right now.

- Sitcoms? Are you kidding? What sitcom is funnier, week after week, right now than the spectacle of Trista twisting guys around her little finger on "The Bachelorette" or seeing Corey Feldman cry like a baby on "The Surreal Life"? "The Simpsons," "Curb Your Enthusiasm," sometimes "Friends," always "Andy Richter Controls the Uni-

verse" (but idiotic Fox is going to cancel it, aren't you, you weasels?). Maybe if there were fewer sitcoms on the air for a while, pushed aside by the reality glut, writers would step back, reconsider the form, and come up with better laugh-attractors.

- Maybe the networks will also realize that reality-TV has spawned things should be applied to dramas and sitcoms. This would be better for the creators, who could craft their shows with more care. For proof just look at British Broadcasting Company America's "The Office," hands down the most hilarious, brilliantly acted, and produced sitcom of the year thus far - and its run is only six episodes. This shorter season is easier on busy, overworked viewers, who struggle to keep up with - or give up on - plotlines on shows that get drawn out for many weeks at a time.

Movie Schedule

Sunday

*Sniper
Superstar*

Monday

*Shaft
Snatch*

Tuesday

*Swordfish
A Beautiful*

Wednesday

*Blow
Me, Myself & Irene*

Thursday

*Sniper
Superstar*

Friday

*Sniper
Superstar*

Saturday

*Sniper
Superstar*

*Movies begin
each evening at
1800 in the movie*

Things to Remember!

Sick Call Hours

0800 - 1000

1300 - 1400

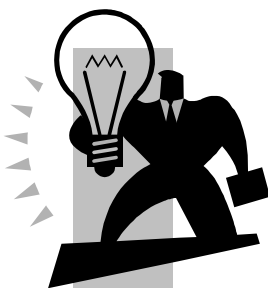
Emergencies 24 hours a day

Barber Shop Hours

Appts.....0800 - 1100

.....1300 - 1600

Walk-ins....1800 - 2000



AAFES Hours

Daily.....0900 - 1800

CLOSED Wednesdays

Internet Cafe

Open 24 Hours!

Galley Hours

Breakfast.....0530 - 0830

Dinner.....1730 - 2030